

Meeting of the Kodiak Subarea GRS Workgroup

June 2, 2005
Kodiak Island Borough Conference Room
710 Mill Bay Road
Kodiak, Alaska

Attendees:

Danielle Wiley-USCG	Linda Freed-City of Kodiak
Dennis Zwietelhoter-Kodiak NWR	Mark Fink-ADF&G
Doug Mutter- DOI	Mark Janes- Nuka Research
Gary Watson-Shoonag Tribal Council	Marla Carter-ADF&G
Iver Malutin- KANA	Mary Jacobs-CIRCAC
Jeff Lewis- Kodiak NWR	Mary Ogle-Kodiak Island Borough
Joe Banta- PWSRCAC	Randy Dowd-ADEC
John Kwietniak- Tesoro Alaska, co-chair	Steven Howell-CIRCAC
Jane Eisemann-PWSRCAC	Tim Robertson- Nuka Research

John Kwietniak opened the workgroup meeting. He noted that the first geographic response strategies (GRS) developed in Alaska were in Kodiak and the program has spread throughout Alaska since that beginning. The success of the program is the cooperative efforts between industry, resource agencies, local communities and governments and he was glad to see that the team work approach is in place for the KGRS project. He stated that Tesoro views the GRS' as an important tool in response planning and that although the spill risks are frequently seen as coming from oil transportation, recent events show that risks are present from numerous sources. These plans are designed to assist response personnel in the event of any type of oil spill no matter what the source.

The meeting was opened to the public for comment. None was given.

Tim Robertson reviewed the agenda and summary of the March 15, 2005 WG meeting. He noted that during the March meeting the work group had decided to split the Kodiak Subarea into 5 zones and then focus current GRS efforts on the Western and the Northern zones. He noted that the Tactics Committee is being formed and asked anyone interested in participating to make their interest known.

Mr. Robertson then reviewed the Potential Places of Refuge (PPOR) Subcommittee teleconference of April 22, 2005. He reviewed the sites identified by the subcommittee and the rationale for conducting the PPOR process concurrently with the GRS project. It was noted that the Marine Firefighting work group had already identified some PPOR as part of their work. The group discussed the PPORs selected noting that the list was

small and that numerous additional PPOR sites were possible. The Work Group concluded that the PPOR should not be used in the selection of GRS sites at this time. Linda Freed recommended that once the PPOR process was completed that ADEC should fund additional GRS development for the sensitive areas placed at additional risk by proximity to PPOR.

Steven Howell reviewed the public outreach thus far for the selection of GRS sites. He has contacted all local governments and stakeholders. He used a landholdings map to establish lists of telephone contacts and emails to notify these parties as to the GRS process taking place in the Kodiak Subarea. In contacts with the local villages he has offered to travel to and present information in each village. To date he has not received requests for travel or any input to the site selection matrix.

Joe Banta discussed their efforts through posting information on the PWSRCAC and other web sites and development of a flier for distribution during local events. They have also used local board members to promote the process. At this time no input from the public has been received.

The group decided to expand the outreach program to gather more local input. Community members felt that the tribal governments had not been brought into the process adequately. Iver Malutin offered to assist with the outreach to the tribes. He pointed out the importance of the ocean resources for the local peoples and that they needed to have direct input in the selection of sites that are important to them. Others in the group concurred with Mr. Malutin. It was pointed out that much of the local knowledge and input was gathered in the initial GRS project and it may assist in the development and outreach for the current GRS.

Mr. Howell put forward a plan for extended outreach to the villages of Ouzinke, Port Lions, Larson Bay, Karluk to gather additional information regarding the villages' priorities for site selection. Iver Malutin agreed to facilitate a series of meetings between village members with Steven Howell, Linda Robinson (PWSRCAC), and Mark Janes. The group concurred with this plan and set a date of July 15 for the completion of the public input phase of the project. At that time the workgroup would meet in Kodiak and/or via teleconference to finalize the selected sites.

Tim Robertson led the discussion of the preliminary selection of the sites for GRS development. The following sites nominated for development with the understanding that the list may be altered based on additional public input.

Western	Zone
56	Halibut Bay-Southern end
60	Harvester Island
65	Spiridon Bay-Bay Islands
66	Chief Cove
69	Campbell Lagoon
70	Lower Uganik Bay/Village Island

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71	Uganik Passage-Bays
72	Terror Bay
73	Uganik East Passage
74	Viekoda Bay
75	Noisy Island
76	Dry Spruce Bay
Northern Zone	
89	Seal Bay/Duck Cape
91	Pauls Bay
98	Foul Bay/ NE Bays-E. Bann Isl.
99	Paramanof Bay
102	Dolphin Pt./Muskomee Bay
105	Big Fort Island/Andreon Bay
109	Shangin Bay
110	Carry Inlet
112	Big Bay/Neketa Bay

After the lunch the meeting was again opened for public comment. No additional comments were offered.

The need and logistics for site surveys was discussed. The group also reviewed the timeline and the budget for the project. The project is being funded by the RCACs with contributions from Tesoro Alaska. The group concurred that surveys should proceed this summer to capitalize on current funding. The KNWR vessel Ursa Major II may be available to assist with the surveys in late July and after August. The Alaska State Parks staff has offered the use of their facilities on Shuyak Island as a base for surveys. Nuka Research will work to develop a schedule with the Tactics Committee to complete the surveys this season.

Nuka Research will take aerial photographs as soon as the sites are finalized. In the past the USCG has assisted, but with a tight schedule to get the sites surveyed this summer, a charter will ensure the photos being available for the survey work.

Mark Janes reviewed the meeting results and outlined the following decisions and action items:

- The PPOR subcommittee recommendations of PPORs in the subarea will not be used in the selection of sites for the development of GRS. The local communities will advocate for additional funding during a PPOR process for the development of GRS' for sensitive areas near PPORs.
- Iver Malutin, Steve Howell, Linda Robinson and Mark Janes will travel to the villages of Ouzinke, Port Lions, Larson Bay, Karluk to gather additional information regarding the villages' priorities for site selection.
- Nuka Research will amend the site selection matrix, index maps and develop base maps of the preliminary selected sites. These will be posted to the web, the work

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group will be informed of the posting, and additional resource information will be provided by the resource management agencies.

- The Tactics committee will meet by teleconference to establish logistics and a schedule for site surveys.
- Nuka Research will conduct aerial surveys of the preliminary selected sites.
- The Work Group will meet or teleconference on July 15 to finalize the site selection for this phase of GRS development.